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Top Stories

- Facebook Inc. is implementing new restrictions to its livestreaming video tool in response to the March mosque shootings in New Zealand that will temporarily bar any user who breaks certain community rules from using the service after their first offense, with the possibility of a 30-day ban period. The move is a change from the company's previous policy, where users weren't restricted from Facebook Live until they had broken the rules multiple times. (The New York Times)

- President Donald Trump is set to sign an executive order this week that would pave the way for a nationwide ban on buying from Huawei Technologies Co. by preventing United States companies from purchasing telecommunications equipment from companies deemed a national security

risk, according to three U.S. officials familiar with the plan. The order, which will not name any specific countries or companies, has been in the works for more than a year, the sources said, and could be delayed again. (Reuters)

- San Francisco is officially the first city to ban local government use of facial recognition technology, with the measure passing in an 8-1 Board of Supervisors vote. The ordinance requires city departments already relying on surveillance technology to disclose their current usage and mandates that any new government technology that collects or stores data be approved by the board. (San Francisco Chronicle)

Chart Review

Publics in Emerging Economies Worry Social Media Sow Division, Even as They Offer New Chances for Political Engagement
Pew Research Center

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

05/15/2019

Brookings Institution's inaugural conference of the Global Research Network on Terrorism and Technology	8:30 am
Senate Commerce's markup of tech-related bills	10:00 am
House Energy and Commerce communications subcommittee's FCC oversight hearing	10:00 am

SHLB Coalition's "The Economic Benefits of Keeping the 'E' in EBS" lunch event	12:15 pm
New America's event on the 2020 Census	12:30 pm
FCC webinar on information for older American consumers	2:00 pm
BroadbandUSA webinar on broadband policies	2:00 pm
Politico event on the future of female entrepreneurship	6:00 pm

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CompliancePoint's "Preparing for CCPA Compliance" workshop	8:00 am
House Intelligence Committee's hearing on China's surveillance practices	9:00 am
U.S. Chamber of Commerce's annual global supply chain summit	9:00 am

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Engine and the Charles Koch Institute's panel discussion on GDPR one year later	12:00 pm

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General

Uber Drivers Are Contractors, Not Employees, Labor Board Says
Noam Scheiber, The New York Times

The National Labor Relations Board, handing an important victory to Uber, has concluded that the company's drivers are contractors, not employees. The move, outlined by the board's general counsel in a memorandum released Tuesday, deals a blow to drivers' efforts to band together to demand higher pay and better working conditions from Uber and its main rival in the ride-hailing business, Lyft.

GOP senators raise alarms, criticize Trump as U.S.-China trade war heats up
Damian Paletta et al., The Washington Post

Senate Republicans expressed growing concern Tuesday that President Trump's escalating trade war with China is hurting their constituents in rural America, ratcheting up tension between the White House and Congress on a signature issue. Some Republican lawmakers, increasingly frustrated with Trump, took the unusual step of openly criticizing a president from their own party.

Sen. Hawley Targets Tech Exports to China
John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) has introduced the China Technology Transfer Control Act of 2019. It is the latest tech initiative by a freshman senator who has made Big Tech his signature issue.

The Trump Admin Is Scrubbing Obamacare From Government Sites
Issie Lapowsky, Wired

President Trump has never been coy about his desire to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. While that pledge has faced setbacks in Congress, his administration has managed to gut Obamacare by other means, like cutting financial support.

Date set for oral arguments in Oracle's JEDI lawsuit
Billy Mitchell, FedScoop

Oracle will finally get its day in court to be heard on why it thinks the Pentagon's multibillion-dollar cloud computing acquisition is unfair and limits competition. The Court of Federal Claims will hold oral arguments in Oracle's case against the Department of Defense's $10 billion Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (JEDI) cloud contract July 10 in Washington, D.C., according to a new order from Judge Eric Bruggink.

San Francisco banished Bird scooters. Then the company found a loophole.
Matt McFarland, CNN

Bird's electric scooters are returning to San Francisco this week, nine months after the city unceremoniously kicked them out. The Santa Monica, California-based startup that pioneered electric scooter-sharing is launching a monthly rental program in San Francisco despite not having formal government approval.

Washington goes slow on self-driving cars, and states don't mind
Jacob Fischler, Roll Call

Electronic chimes sounded as the self-driving minibus halted its crawl through the parking lot of an upscale office park here. There was no obvious reason for the stop, so its operator made a note to report it, then used a touch screen to restart the shuttle's test drive.

U.S. Futures, Europe Stocks Dip as Asia Advances: Markets Wrap
Todd White, Bloomberg

European stocks turned lower on Wednesday alongside U.S. equity futures as the rebound in global shares struggled to maintain its momentum. Oil slipped, while Treasuries advanced with German bonds.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

40% of Americans support antitrust action against Facebook after a cofounder called for it to be broken up
Rob Price, Business Insider

Facebook cofounder Chris Hughes wants to see the tech giant broken up. A

large segment Americans do too.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Graham warns of 5G security threat from China
Maggie Miller, The Hill

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) on Tuesday pressed the Trump administration to work with Congress on combatting security threats from 5G wireless technology, including stopping business with countries using Chinese technologies.

5G likely to mess with weather forecasts, but FCC auctions spectrum anyway
Jon Brodkin, Ars Technica

A US Navy memo warns that 5G mobile networks are likely to interfere with weather satellites, and senators are urging the Federal Communications Commission to avoid issuing new spectrum licenses to wireless carriers until changes are made to prevent harms to weather forecasting.

Tribes across country push for better internet access
Felicia Fonseca, The Associated Press

In a remote, roadless Arizona canyon that is home to a small Native American tribe, there's a natural skepticism toward the internet. The telemedicine equipment that health care officials promised would work gathers dust.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Facebook Warns Advertisers 'Clear History' May Hurt Targeting
Kurt Wagner, Bloomberg

Facebook Inc. is close to rolling out a long-awaited privacy feature, but issued a warning to advertisers that improved privacy for users will have at least one key trade-off: Weaker targeting.

Twitter fights vaccine misinformation with new search tool
Makena Kelly, The Verge

If you search for tweets related to vaccines as of Friday, the first thing you see on Twitter is a post from the United States Department of Health and Human Services pointing you to reliable health information instead of anti-vax misinformation.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

The Trade Secret: Firms That Promised High-Tech Ransomware Solutions Almost Always Just Pay the Hackers
Renee Dudley and Jeff Kao, ProPublica

As ransomware attacks crippled businesses and law enforcement agencies, two U.S. data recovery firms claimed to offer an ethical way out. Instead, they typically paid the ransom and charged victims extra.

New security flaw in Intel chips could affect millions
The Associated Press

Intel has revealed another hardware security flaw that could affects millions of machines around the world. The bug is embedded in the architecture of computer hardware, and it can't be fully fixed.

Pompeo warns Russia: US won't tolerate election interference
Morgan Chalfant, The Hill

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Tuesday that he told Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that the United States would not tolerate future Russian interference in American elections.

Google rolls out new data-reliant ad spots, days after pledging more privacy
Greg Bensinger, The Washington Post

Just a week after introducing new privacy controls for its billions of users, Google has a different message for data-hungry advertisers: We have your back.

G-7 Authorities to War Game Cyber Attack on Bank for First Time
Silla Brush, Bloomberg

Financial watchdogs are preparing one of the broadest war-gaming exercises to test the effect of a cyber attack that disables a large international bank for days. The simulation, slated for the next couple of weeks, is the first cross-border exercise of its kind and is being prepared by a group of 23 financial authorities set up by the Group of Seven nations.

The AI Supply Chain Runs on Ignorance
Sidney Fussell, The Atlantic

The users posting photos to Ever, a mobile and desktop app similar to Flickr and Photobucket, had a choice. If they opted into facial recognition, the app's software could analyze photo subjects' faces, which meant it could group photos, let users search photos by the people in them, suggest tags, and make it easier to find friends and family using the app.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

The FCC Must Abandon Its Plan to Disconnect Low-Income Families
Dana Floberg et al., Morning Consult

"There were times when I didn't have a phone. I was so disconnected from the world that my family drove from New York to North Carolina to find out if I was dead or not." These candid words are from Leonard Edwards, a disabled veteran who found himself unable to work or afford a telephone for several years.

Facebook should be punished, not broken up
Ian Sherr, CNET

There's a new clarion call in the tech industry: It's time to break up Facebook. But it's not actually what people want.

Throw Your Laptop Into the Sea, the Surveillance Economy Will Still Win
Charlie Warzel, The New York Times

You can't solve a problem that you can't define. That's why I love this dual definition of privacy by Maciej Ceglowski, one of my favorite writers and thinkers on technology. It's from his written testimony submitted to the Senate Banking Committee last week.

The Privacy Debate Is About to Take Flight
Scott McCartney, The Wall Street Journal

Red and green lights show passengers where to find overhead bin space. Sensors tip off flight attendants to which seats aren't upright and whose seat belt isn't fastened.

Research Reports

The EU Needs to Reform the GDPR To Remain Competitive in the Algorithmic Economy
Eline Chivot and Daniel Castro, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation

Since the mid-1990s, the digital economy has been evolving in three phases: the "Internet economy" transformed into the "data-driven economy," which in turn is transforming into the "algorithmic economy," in which the ability to use artificial intelligence (AI) is proving critical to firms' success.

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